

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tub protection bolt for a washing machine, comprising:
a screwed shaft configured to penetrate a cabinet of the washing machine to be coupled with a boss of a tub; and
a head part at one end of the screwed shaft having a narrow cut-away portion configured to hold a power cable of the washing machine, the head part comprising:
a head at the one end of the screwed shaft; and
a substantially planar flange that extends outward from an outer circumference of the head, wherein the narrow cut-away portion extends from an outer circumference of the flange in toward the head.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The tub protection bolt as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, the cut-away portion comprising:
an insertion portion provided from the outer circumference of the flange in a direction of a center of the head; and
a fixing portion bent from an end of the insertion portion.

4. (Previously Presented) The tub protection bolt as claimed in claim 3, wherein an outer circumference side of the insertion portion is formed wider than an opposite side of the insertion portion adjacent the head.

5. (Original) The tub protection bolt as claimed in claim 3, wherein an outside corner of the flange meeting the insertion portion is rounded.

6. (Original) The tub protection bolt as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fixing portion is formed rounded along a direction of rotating the head part when the screwed shaft is screwed or unscrewed.

7. (Original) The tub protection bolt as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fixing portion is formed along a direction that the power cable inserted in the fixing portion naturally moves toward the insertion portion when the head rotates in a direction of unscrewing the screwed shaft.

8. (Previously Presented) The tub protection bolt as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a washer provided between the head part and the cabinet having a predetermined thickness.

9. (Original) The tub protection bolt as claimed in claim 1, wherein the power cable includes a protrusion extending an outer circumference of the power cable to lie between the head part and the cabinet when the power cable is inserted in the cut-away portion.

10. (Currently Amended) A washing machine, comprising:

- a cabinet;
- a tub in the cabinet having at least one boss protruding from an outside of the tub;
- a protection bolt comprising:
 - a screwed shaft ~~configured~~ configured to penetrate the cabinet to be coupled with the at least one boss of the tub; and
 - a head part at one end of the screwed shaft having a narrow cut-away portion configured to hold a power cable, wherein the head part comprises:
 - a head at the one end of the screwed shaft; and
 - a substantially planar flange that extends outward from an outer circumference of the head, wherein the narrow cut-away portion extends from an outer circumference of the flange in toward the head;
- at least one elastic member suspending the tub in the cabinet; and
- a drum rotatably installed in the tub.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, the cut-away portion comprising:

an insertion portion provided from the outer circumference of the flange in a direction of a center of the head; and

a fixing portion bent from an end of the insertion portion.

13. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, wherein an outer circumference side of the flange contouring the insertion portion is wider than an opposite side.

14. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, wherein an outside corner of the flange meeting the insertion portion is rounded.

15. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, wherein the fixing portion is formed rounded along a direction of rotating the head part when the screwed shaft is screwed or unscrewed.

16. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, wherein the fixing portion is formed along a direction that the power cable inserted in the fixing portion naturally moves toward the insertion portion when the head rotates in a direction of unscrewing the screwed shaft.

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17. (Previously Presented) The washing machine as claimed in claim 10, further comprising a washer provided between the head part and the cabinet having a predetermined thickness.

18. (Previously Presented) The washing machine as claimed in claim 10, wherein the power cable includes a protrusion extending around an outer circumference of the power cable and configured to lie between the head part and the cabinet when the power cable is inserted into the cut-away portion.